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H: See my August 11 note to Stanley Young - wherein I told you he's the son of Farrar Strauss and his wife is novelist Nancy Wilson Ross. You must meet them, next trip... and NOTE:

Adirondack League Club
Old Forge, N.Y.
August 25, 1959

Dear Julie,

How nice to hear of you and your far-flung life. (Far-flung from where' would be the Eastern point of view!)

In 10,000 wds. I could not hope to convey to you why American books and periodicals are so inadequately handled in the Near and Far East, not to mention the sub-Continent countries. This subject has been wrestled with by me and a host of worthies on a longish mat—one that runs from the American Book Publishers Association to all departments in Washington. Actually I fear that we, as a country, put 'things' before 'ideas', and our appropriations for the vital matter of communication continues to be secondary. Sone improvement can be noted at non-governmental levels, mainly via Foundations. All the large Foundations ARE interested and they're the ones to shoot at if you have noted gaps that need to be filled. Gaps! What am I saying? Canyons, no doubt. I hope you step over the trail of whitened bones in this matter and persevere. I remember you as the girl with the built-in cranial pressure cooker! Maybe you can move mountains and/or books.

For your information, I'm no longer active in publishing. I'm still on the Board of Directors at my old firm, though I sold half my stock. I'm now a smoke-filled room guy—four times annually. My 'life' is now in my own writing. I have two plays under option. One will be produced late this season—LAURETTE, with Judy Holliday as the lead and Jose Quintero as director. The other play, The Little Giants, will be produced in '61. My verse play, The Sound of Apples, won a prize from judges Thornton Wilder, Brooks Atkinson, and the late Max Anderson, and was published last autumn in Mayorga's collection of Best Short Plays, 1957Ø58. Much work ahead which I won't bore you with.

Nancy is completing an anthology of ZEN, having just done some pieces on ZEN for HORIZON and MADAMOISELLE, which the Asia Society has reprinted. Nancy is on J. Rockefeller's Board there--one of two women who got the bow. (Incidentally N. saw Judith Evelyn while we were in Hollywood in May and June. She was fine, I hear). Did you read N's. Book of the Month Club novel, The Return of Lady Brace. It's being made into a play, too.

So we slog on--very inwardly committed to our writing. I'm glad you contemplate a book. Do it, in spite of the 'what will matter in a 100 yrs. dept!) Your life sounds wonderful. I envy you the Asian scamper and all the rich complex life it lays before you. I hope too, that your contemplated international office dealing with communications can get underway. Nothing is more needed.

I hope all is well with you. Keep me apprised of your work.

Yours ever,

Stanley Young

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P.S. Your letter was forwarded to our Summer camp, but address me in Old Westbury, N.Y.